GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PROSTITUTION IN UTTAR PRADESH
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the newsitem regarding prostitution in Uttar Pradeshunder the guise of protection of women as reported in Jansatta, dated June 5, 2000.

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether National Commission for Women have also conducted or propose to conduct any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have directed the State Government to take some remedial steps in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. According to the Reports received from the National Commission for Women and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh the inmates of the Government Protection Home, Shivpur, Varanasi were forced into illegal trafficking for sexual exploitation with the connivance of the Superintendent of the Home and other related officials.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The National Commissionfor Women carried out an inspection of prevailing conditions of girls at the protection Home, Shivpur, Varanasi in June, 2000 which reveals that the inmates of the Home were forced into illegal trafficking by the Superintendent of the Home who was found to be a woman of criminal nature. The Commission held talks with some inmates who affirmed the sexual exploitation of the inmates in the premises with the connivance of the Superintendent of the Home.

(e) & (f): The State Government of Uttar Pradeshlodged a First Information Report under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act,1956 on 23.5.2000 with the Police Station, Shivpur, Varanasi, about the statement made by Ruby Singh alias Km. Mamtaaged about 13 years, an inmate of the Government protection Home, about the sexual exploitation of the inmates of said Home and the involvement of some officials of the Home. On her statement, the concerned member of the Juvenile Welfare Board was arrested and the said Board was dissolved by the State Government.

The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has already taken actionand the case is being further investigated. The matter is also sub-judice.